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Lakes breach, flood residential localities

Rampant encroachments of *Raja Kaluve* and Dewan Poornaiah Canal lead to flooding

Residents living in a 200-acre area affected; many unable to come out of their houses

Water flowing in full force covers a portion of the road at K. Hemmanahalli. Picture right shows a resident stranded along with his car on this stretch. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Residents living in the surroundings of Bogadi on the city outskirts are having a harrowing time with several lakes breaching and water entering their properties. There are many private layouts and farmhouses and families residing in them are surrounded by water and many have no opportunity to move out of their homes.

It is a nightmarish experience whenever it rains heavily and the main cause for the lake breaching and overflowing is the encroachment of *Raja Kaluve* (a natural or man-made stream that connects lakes) and the historic Dewan Poornaiah Canal.

Water overflowed on the Bogadi Signal Circle last evening too due to rain and the traffic on the busy road had to wade through water to reach their destinations. Among the worst hit places are K. Hemmanahalli, Anandnagar and Arpithanagar near Parasayyanahundi.

Last year too, many areas of Anandnagar and roads including Bogadi Signal Circle and the road towards the Ring Road were flooded as the boundary wall (lake bund) of Mariyappana Kere (popular as Bogadi Lake) off the Ring Road breached at two places.

Encroachments galore

The *Raja Kaluve* and the Poornaiah Canal have been encroached upon at various places, blocking the natural flow of water from one waterbody to the other.

As a result, residential areas get flooded. Apart from flooding the residential areas, the rains over the last two or three days have flooded a poultry farm killing over 70 birds.

The situation is so bad that there are many elderly defence personnel and senior citizens residing in these areas away from the urban jungle spending their retired life peacefully and even they cannot move out of their houses due to flooding.

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Job scam: RMP Mysuru sacks 103 employees

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MTY&BCT)- The authorities at Rare Materials Plant (RMP), a unit of high-profile Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) at Yelwal on Hunsur Road, have terminated the services of 103 employees who allegedly got jobs through exam malpractices.

The termination letters were issued on Aug. 26. Sources said that the recruitment was carried out in 2018 for several posts at RMP Mysuru and Challakere in Chitradurga.

Due to complaints of irregularities, an internal investigation was conducted by the senior officers and the case was handed over to the CBI later. The CBI completed the investigation and submitted a report and as per the report, the irregularities were established. Insiders from RMP told *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity this morning that internal investigations and disciplinary action into the scam have not been completed.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 28th August 2022

Office-bearers of Rotaract Club of Mysore East

The new team of Rotaract Club of Mysore East led by Rtr. P. Varun was installed by chief guest and Installing Officer Rtn. K.L. Rakesh recently at Bahadur Institute of Management Studies. Rotary Mysore East President Rtn. Shakuntala, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Latha, DRR Rtr. Nikhil, Rotaractors and guests were present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A big, bad change is afoot at India's biggest tourist attraction, with ASI planning to shutter ticket windows at Taj Mahal, leaving visitors no way in except online bookings. But have the wizards who came up with this plan to trim the crowd considered how many citizens it would hurt? The monument's website says that of the 7-8 million visitors it attracts annually, only around 0.8 million are from overseas. Indians from all parts and classes of the country make up the numbers. Many have little experience with online booking. Many may also be arriving via public transport, with little surety of making it to a fixed time slot. They deserve to enjoy Incredible India as much as internet savvy folks.

It's well-established that individuals pay a price for over-digitalisation, say, via constantly and compulsively checking social media. For public services the case is similar. In well-calibrated amounts, digitalisation does governance a world of good. But when it becomes an end in itself, the poorest citizens bear the brunt. A distressing example is how the app launched to cut MGNREGA corruption by taking geo-tagged, photographed, real-time attendance is penalising workers who find smartphones too expensive or the network too unstable. The same ordeal has been reported with an app launched for anganwadi staff. Forget any gains, affected citizens find themselves painfully worse off than before.

Another example: India couldn't have fully vaccinated 68% of its population against COVID by relying on CoWIN alone. Of course, the portal was a convenience boon for numerous Indians, but the rest were far more comfortable with walk-ins. India simply is not rich/developed/digital enough yet to kill off analogue options. Public service delivery should not be shaped by technocratic dogma. Keep ticket counters at Taj open. —In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Owners paid to get tattoo of their dog

Washington, DC: On the occasion of International Dog Day, a US-based pet goods retailer company is paying for its customers to get inked with a picture of their dog. According to BarkBox's website, those interested have to upload a picture of your pup and explain why they deserve the tattoo. The $150 gift cards will be available to 100 people.

"We're gonna track down the ol' company credit card and whippet out for you to get some sweet ink of your sweet pup. All you have to do is sit as well as they do," the company wrote on its website. Tattoo artist and style that the winners want will be provided by the company. Contest ends on Sept. 2.

Height gap earns them World Record

Utah (Western United States): A married couple from Utah earned a Guinness World Records title for their 2-foot, 9.44-inch height difference. Christie Chandler, who stands 5 feet,11.74 inches tall, and Senecca Corsetti, who is 3 feet, 2.29 inches tall, became the first Guinness Record holders for greatest height differential of a married couple (same sexes/women), the record-keeping organisation announced.

Corsetti's height is a result of diastrophic dysplasia, a form of dwarfism that affects the normal development of cartilage and bone. Chandler said she was inspired to apply for the record after reading about the world record for greatest height differential of a married couple (different sexes/taller woman).

HEALTH CAPSULE

Eating the right food

Eating a healthy and well-balanced diet is one of the most important things to boost your immunity. Try to include whole foods and fruits in your diet. Avoid taking a large amount of salt, sugar, or processed foods.

By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Self-employment: Loan facility for Backward Classes

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SSM)- The D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has invited applications from candidates belonging to Backward Classes for availing benefits under self-employment scheme extended by the Corporation for the year 2022-23.

Under Self-Employment Scheme Rs. 2 lakh will be provided as loan amount out of which 15 percent of the amount will be provided as financial assistance and the 4 percent interest must be paid for the remaining loan amount.

The applicants, belonging to Backward Class Categories - 1, 2A, 3A and 3B (barring Vishwakarma, Savita Samaja, Uppara, Madiwala, Nijasharana, Ambigara Chowdaiah, Nomadic, Semi-Nomadic community, Vokkaliga, Lingayath, Kadugolla, Hattigolla, Marata and other sub-sects) with annual family income not exceeding Rs. 98,000 for rural applications and not exceeding more than Rs. 1,20,000 for urban applicants may apply. Also, applicants must be in the age group of 18 to 55 years.

Interested may submit their applications online by logging on to ***https://suvidha.karnataka.gov.in/homeUser*** or ***https://dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in/*** before Sept. 10.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a press release.

Calling Maratha community members to avail loans

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SSM)- The Karnataka Maratha Communities Development Corporation has invited applications from Category 3B — 2A to 2F including (A) Maratha Maratha, (B) Semi-Kshatriya, Semi Maratha, Arya Maratha, (C) Arya, Aryaru, (D) Konkani Maratha, (E) Kshatriya Maratha, (F) Kulavadi — to avail loans and subsidies under Sri Shahaji Raje Development Scheme (Self-Employment Direct Loan and Financial Assistance Scheme) - 2022-23.

Applications can be submitted by logging on to ***https://suvidha.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***https://kmcdc.karnataka.gov.in/*** before Sept. 5. For details, call Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***One of the earliest plants that Indians grew, sugarcane was valuable both for providing energy and for its great taste. At first it only grew in the south of India, and had to be eaten quickly, before the sweet juice dried up. But, eventually scientists figured out that they could grind the sugar cane and leave the juice out to dry in clumps. These clumps of dried sugar could be transported to other places and used in trade.***
- ***When Buddhist Monks brought sugar to China, the Chinese Emperor was so impressed that he sent some of his people back with them to India to learn how to grow sugarcane and make sugar.***

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.86
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 21.78
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.71

VOICE OF THE READER

Provide usable footpaths for pedestrian safety

Sir,

In spite of having wide footpaths in most of the commercial and residential localities in Yadavagiri, Vontikoppal, Gokulam and Jayalakshmipuram, it is very sad to note the condition of the footpaths in these localities.

Most of the footpaths in these areas are undulated, unfit for the pedestrians to use and where the footpath is usable, it is being encroached by haphazardly parked vehicles and vendors of various commodities. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) should show some responsibility towards the safety of the pedestrians who are forced to use the roads to walk risking their lives in spite of having wide footpaths.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
26.8.2022

KSPCB Authorities issues guideline for eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has issued guidelines for the members of the public for Ganesh Chaturthi festival which falls on Aug. 31.

People are asked to install only clay Ganesha idols in their homes and to immerse them at their homes after the festival.

There is a complete ban on use of chemically coated and Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols.

Ganesh Pandal Mandalis have been asked to install Ganesha idols of height not more than 5 ft.

It is mandatory for Ganesha Pandal Mandalis to get prior permission for installation of Ganesha idols at public places.

Ganesha idols installed at public and private places are asked to immerse them at the mobile immersion tank, by taking the shortest possible route to the tank from the spot of installation.

It is hereby cautioned that bursting of crackers during the celebrations is hazardous to the environment and also poses a

threat to public health.

The public are asked to use waste vehicles for dumping used flower garlands, plates and such other use and throw utensils.

The citizens are asked not to use mikes or other public address systems from 10 am till 6 am on all festival days. KSPCB has announced that the mobile immersion tank will traverse across the city on Aug. 31 and the time-table is as follows:

4 pm to 5.15 pm: Metagalli Police Station; **5.30 pm to 6.45 pm:** Near K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage; **7 pm to 8.15 pm:** Near Matru Mandali Circle and **8.30 pm to 10.30 pm:** Kukkarahalli Lake Main Entrance. **Contact person:** A.M. Siddaiah - 98801-64745.

4 pm to 5.15 pm: Near Vikram Hospital in Yadavagiri; **5.30 pm to 6.45 pm:** Near Shanthala Theatre; **7 pm to 8.15 pm:** Chamundipuram Circle and **8.30 pm to 10.30 pm:** Karanji Lake Main Entrance Gate. **Contact person:** R. Rajesh - 98446-44987.

4 pm to 5.15 pm: Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar; **5.30 pm to 6.45 pm:** Near Jayanagar Railway Gate; **7 pm to 8.15 pm:** Gobbalimara Bus Stop, J.P. Nagar and **8.30 pm to 10.30 pm:** Lingambudhi Lake Main Entrance (from Srirampura side). **Contact person:** N. Sunil Kumar - 89040-09325.

For details, contact Assistant Environmental Officers S. Ramesh (94837-61660) or M.J. Jayalakshmi (97436-76191).

Mysuru Heritage Treasure Hunt attracts over 100 participants

Mysuru Heritage Treasure Hunt being flagged off by Tiger Solanki, who is handing over the entry ticket to participant Vibha as Dr. Champa, Dean of Mysore School of Architecture and Aryaman M. Urs look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (BCT)- A Mysuru Heritage Treasure Hunt was organised by 'Team Unbound' this morning with the tagline 'Rediscover Mysuru'.

The event attempted to re-introduce Mysuru to the participants with unique tasks. It saw participation of over 110 people. The event was flagged off by DSD Solanki, popular as Tiger Solanki, an adventure enthusiast and Dr. Champa, Dean of Mysore School of Architecture.

The treasure hunt began from Ursu Gymkhana Club behind *Mall of Mysore* with 12 locations and 8 tasks to be completed within 4 hours. The participants irrespective of age group could either use a two-wheeler or a four-wheeler to complete the tasks. Those who complete the tasks with more points can pocket Rs. 20,000. Every team will be completing the hunt with the organisers' help if required but with negative points. It's purely to rediscover Namma Mysuru and its grand legacy and to convey unknown facts. Team Unbound had organised a treasure hunt before in Coimbatore.

The event is the brainchild of Aryaman M. Urs, who is studying Computer Science in the USA. He is at present in his hometown on summer vacation. Aryaman is also the tech brain behind Mysuru Literature Festival since 2019. "The treasure hunt is an activity to introduce unknown facts of Mysuru. I was 16 years old when I conducted my first such activity in Coimbatore and received a good response. Now, in Mysuru, as this is my hometown," Aryaman said.

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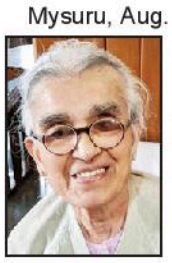
Obituary

Changulanda Paru Medappa

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Changulanda Paru Medappa (Kademada), a resident of #298, 4th Cross, Roopanagar (opposite Roopa Bhandar), Bogadi, passed away this morning at her residence.



She was 88. She leaves behind her daughter Pushpa, son Joshi, grandchildren Rachana, Rachita, Shravan and Krishma and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Training programme on 'drug-design'

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SSM)- The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, had organised a five-day training programme on 'Drug-Design, Synthesis and Spectral Analysis' at its premises in Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagara on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway recently.

The training was for the faculty and research associates working in Pharmacy, Medical and Science Colleges across the country. In this training programme, over 20 participants were trained on computer aided drug-design, synthesis and spectral analysis techniques.

Dr. Prashanth Vishwanath, Research Director, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research was the chief guest at the inauguration.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that there is great demand for such training programmes in order to fulfil the needs of the pharma industry and pharma education.

Dr. G.V. Pujar, Vice-Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy presided. Programme Convenor Dr. B.M. Gurupadayya, Organising Secretary Dr. B.R. Prashantha Kumar and others were present.

NCC Alumni Association cleans Kukkarahalli Lake

Appeals visitors, public to keep Lake premises clean

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (KS)- The members of NCC Alumni Association, Mysuru, along with Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement, Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, Youth for Seva and Jiv put in a combined effort to clear plastic litter discarded on the walking path and at other places in Kukkarahalli Lake on Aug. 21.

Former NCC Cadets Pramod and Anand co-ordinated with the other civil societies for the said cause. A total of 87 members conducted Shram Dhan. NCC Alumni Association has been carrying out the "Shram Dhan" every month. The members request the visitors to Kukkarahalli Lake and the general public to enjoy the ambiance of the Lake, have snacks if permitted and carry the empty snack packets and water bottles with them.

NEWS BRIEFS

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General body Meeting (AGM) of All India Anglo Indian Association (AIAIA), Mysore branch, for the year 2021-22, will be held at St. Thresa Church Hall, Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, on Sept. 11 at 10.30 am. The AGM will commence with Holy Mass at 10.30 am and lunch for the members has been arranged after the AGM, followed by an afternoon of entertainment, according to the Association Hon. Secretary.

Appointed

Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor of the city's KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, has been appointed as a member of 15th Inter-University National Cultural Board (IUNCB). The first meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place at Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, on Sept. 3 in which Prof. Nagesh will take part.

Post Doctoral Fellow

The Srinivas University, Mangaluru, has certified that **B.R. Shyam** has completed the Post Doctoral Fellow Certificate Programme in Management under the mentorship of Dr. P.S. Aithal between Nov. 14, 2019 and Nov. 13, 2020 with the title 'Motivational Behaviours based on Blood Type' and has published three scholarly papers.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	124.68 feet
Yesterday	:	124.52 feet
Inflow	:	23,020 cusecs
Outflow	:	20,243 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.99 feet
Inflow	:	10,598 cusecs
Outflow	:	10,550 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.86 feet
Inflow	:	2,684 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,670 cusecs

Srirama Sugar Factory to resume cane crushing from September

Chunchanakatte, Aug. 28 (TRR) - Thanks to the continuous efforts of K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh and the positive response of the State BJP Government, Srirama Co-operative Sugar Factory at Chunchanakatte will resume its operations in the first week of September.

Srirama Sugar Factory had suspended its operations ten years ago. MLA S.R. Mahesh had tried his best to get the factory reopened by leasing the company to others but was not successful as there were no takers. But he continued his efforts and put pressure on the State Government to invite tenders again for the reopening for the factory. The State responded positively and in the re-tender process, Nirani Sugars came forward to reopen the factory and obtained the contract.

By awarding the contract of running the factory for a period of 40 years to Major Industries, Minister Murugesh Nirani owned Nirani Sugars of Mudhol for a sum of Rs. 120 crore and after imposing certain conditions, the State Government has facilitated the re-opening of Srirama Sugar factory.

After obtaining the contract, Nirani Sugars has promptly swung into action and has started the process of identifying and repairing of defunct machines. The main machinery of the factory —Turbine — which is vital to run the factory has been sent to Hyderabad for repairs and the repaired turbine is likely to be sent back in 3-4 days. Once the installation of turbine and repair work of boiler is completed, the factory will be ready to crush sugarcane.

Once the factory starts the cane crushing process, there are plans of increasing the crushing capacity from the present 2,000 tonnes per day to 2,500 tonnes. Since some previous workers have retired, the new management is thinking of appointing young workers based on their qualification and experience.

With respect to the availability sugarcane, at present, sugarcane is being grown in about 4,000 to 5,000 acres of land in K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Hunsur and H.D. Kote. The cultivation area of sugarcane will be increased from the present 8,000 to 10,000 acres, according to sources.

The proposed increase in cultivation area is likely to result in a total availability of 1.5 to 2 lakh tonnes of sugarcane to Srirama Sugar factory.

S.R. Mahesh

The re-opening of Chunchanakatte Srirama Sugar factory in the next month will benefit thousands of farmers and will also generate employment to the youth. I thank Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Industry Minister Murugesh Nirani and also former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for their cooperation in re-opening the sugar factory. I am committed to offer my cooperation to the development of the factory and also to protect the interest of farmers," MLA S.R. Mahesh.

"There was no hope of the reopening of Srirama Sugar factory. MLA S.R. Mahesh put pressure on the State Government and due to his efforts the factory is being re-opened. I congratulate him on behalf of the farmers of four surrounding taluks," Mirle M.S. Kishore, K.R. Nagar Youth JD(S) Working President.

Retail cigarette sellers protest opposing move to introduce licence system

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MTY&DM)- Strongly opposing the State Government's move to regulate retail cigarette and beedi sales by introducing licence, retail cigarette sellers under the banner of Karnataka Chapter of Federation of Retailers Association of India (FRAI), staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Friday.

Pointing out that there are over 55,000 retail and small time cigarette sellers in the State under the Federation, the protestors said these retailers are eking out a living by selling cigarettes and beedis. Even as the sellers are slowly emerging from the effects of COVID pandemic, the State Government's decision to regulate sales by issuing licence and formulating other rules, has come as a bolt from the blue for the retailers, they contended.

Maintaining that their livelihood was badly hurt during the pandemic, they apprehended that they may have to face harassment from the authorities if licence system was introduced. Raising slogans, the sellers urged the Government to withdraw the byelaws concerning Licence-2020 rules and thus save them from possible harassment from officials.

They also presented a memorandum in this regard at the DC Office.

Earlier, the cigarette sellers marched in a procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate to the DC Office passing through Big Clock Tower, Small Clock Tower (Dufferin Clock Tower), D. Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road.

Federation President Siddaraju, Secretary Guruswamy, Office-bearers Noorulla, Keerthi, Shabbir, Shaukath, Mohan, Rajendra, Narayanashetty, Pradeep, Prakash, Gurudev, Rajaram, Ramdev and others were present.

Low O2 level: Dead fish float at Kamanakerehundi Lake

Once pristine Lake that attracted birds now becomes a sewage tank

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (KS&BCT)- Thousands of fish are dying at the Kamanakerehundi Lake, locally called Doddakere. The fish death was noticed by the villagers and local residents four to five days back and an unbearable stench pervades the air.

The Lake is located three kilometres from Kesare Arch and is over seven to eight kilometres from Mysuru city. The deaths have occurred due to the high toxic content of the water inside the Lake where there is little oxygen due to pollution.

According to villagers and people who frequent the area, the 15-acre Doddakere is dying slowly. The Lake was pristine just four years ago and now, it is fully polluted as it has become open drainage where many houses have let out their wastewater into the water body. There are huge amounts of plastic waste and other household waste and waste discarded after religious ceremonies.

A file photo of the Kamanakerehundi Lake, locally called Doddakere near Kesare. Picture right shows fully grown dead fish floating.

"Usually in the month of August, water is released from the nearby Varuna Canal for the farmers to grow paddy. Almost immediately, large quantities of pesticides and weed-killing chemicals are sprayed on the fields. When it rains, these pesticides and harmful chemicals are washed into the Lake, leading to the death of fish," Sunil Kumar, a resident of J.P. Nagar, who is a frequent visitor to Kamanakerhundi told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

The fishlings were released to the Lake by one Ramanna, a resident of the village, after taking the Panchayat tender worth Rs. 8 lakh. He has released fishlings worth Rs. 5 lakh and is staring at huge losses.

"When Ramanna took the tender, the situation in the Lake was not this bad. Birds used to frequent the place including migratory ones. Now the situation is miserable," Sunil Kumar added.

Following complaints of fish death, Fisheries Department Deputy Director M.S. Manjeshwar visited the Doddakere and after examining the water, he said that there is very less oxygen in the Lake and is filled with pesticide and weed-killer chemicals. "The fish have died due to lack of oxygen and there is an immediate need to clean the water," he said.

MUDA reclaims four unauthorised layouts

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK&SBD)- In one of the biggest anti-encroachment drives in recent years, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on Saturday reclaimed the land on which four unauthorised private layouts had come up. The four layouts had come up on lands coming under Sathagalli Survey Nos. 65, 27/3 and 2/3 and Devanur Survey No. 25 in the taluk.

Some private developers had developed the four layouts and had allotted sites, without any change of land use certification issued by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) nor had any plan approval from MUDA, which is mandatory. One of these layouts had blatantly violated the rule by erecting unauthorised sheds on a public road at Sathagalli. Following complaints from the public, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar had inspected the spots last week. Subsequently, in an early morning operation on Saturday, the MUDA authorities reclaimed the lands by evacuating the unauthorised structures that had come up on the lands, thus sending out a message that there is no scope for illegal layouts.

MUDA Secretary Dr. N.C. Venkataraju told *Star of Mysore* that the layouts were developed without any land conversion and also violated rules laid down under Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (KUDA) Act.

Maintaining that some developers have allotted sites to applicants in illegal layouts, he said that these developers are also cheating the Government by evading payment of plan approval fee. Pointing out that the total extent of land concerning the four illegal layouts was about 6 acres, he said that following complaints from the public, the MUDA Engineers had warned the developers against any irregularities. But still the developers went ahead with their plans and developed illegal layouts, he said.

Dr. Venkataraju also warned the public against buying sites and other landed properties without checking the documents at MUDA and other concerned Departments. Stressing on the need for a double-check and cross-check of documents, he said adding that the people will also have to get the documents verified for change of land use and MUDA approval.

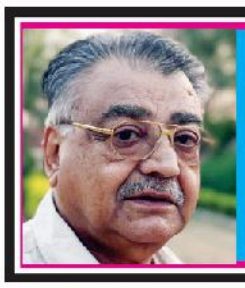
Pointing out that private layouts are mushrooming in the outskirts of the city, he reiterated that the public must be doubly sure that the site or landed property that they are going to buy have clear titles. He warned that the people may lose their hard earned money if they fell into the trap of buying sites in layouts that are not approved by MUDA.

More than 40 such unauthorised layouts

It is learnt that there are about 40 such unauthorised in MUDA jurisdiction. Dr. Venkataraju said that MUDA Engineers visit the sites for making a check on change of land use certification and plan approval.

The engineers will suitably advise the land owners and developers for getting their records straight, if there is any violation of norms in layout formation. Even the site allottees too will be suitably advised. But still, some developers have resorted to illegalities, he said adding that the MUDA has information that there are 42 illegal layouts being formed in the city outskirts.

The MUDA officials will visit all these layouts and will make efforts to evacuate them in stages, if they are found unauthorised.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Welcome to "Grand" Dasara

Are we well braced for a "Grand" Dasara that our Government has declared, in great aplomb and confidence, to celebrate this year's Dasara beginning from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5 in a "grand way"? Can we expect the vainglorious Dasara zing to be back after a gap of two years caused by COVID-19 pandemic?

I was a witness to one Dasara with the Maharaja of Mysore Kingdom Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar riding the caparisoned elephant with long tusks, seated on the Golden Howdah followed by retainers and courtiers in Durbar dress when I was in the school in Kodagu. I vaguely remember the procession. It was a sight for the Gods to see but also for the mortals! "See, that is Maharaja on the *Ambari* (Golden Howdah) *Namaskara madu* (salute him)", said my senior host. That was the reverence the spectators of *Jumboo Savari* had for the Maharaja those days.

According to my information, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last Maharaja of Mysore, sat on the Golden Howdah for the last time in the 1969 *Jumboo Savari.* I should think that it might be the last authentic and grand Dasara as far as this festival celebrated in Mysuru went. Let it be.

Now if you thought the Dasara would be "grand" when you spend more money granted by the Government, you would be a moron. What is the definition of "grand" in the matter of celebrating a festival with its tradition and ritual?

It must be a celebration with religious fervour coupled with the kind of cultural renaissance that was unveiled during the reign of Maharajas after the fall of Tipu in 1799. Of course, the awe evoked by the presence of the Maharaja on the Golden Howdah during the *Jumboo Savari* cannot be reclaimed in a democratic political order. But we have the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysore Royal dynasty, to fill that vacuum.

I guess for the people who saw divinity in their kings, this alternative must be acceptable. Why not? After all, the Devi's

idol is also ensconced inside the Golden Howdah!

Be that as it may, let me come to the idea of making this year's Dasara "grand". The question is, why this year only? Why not every year in a grand manner? When you don't celebrate Dasara with the Maharaja in the *Jumboo Savari,* open to the public, it should always be "grand". It cannot be observed lackadaisically or half-heartedly. Otherwise, as during the last two years when it was not celebrated due to COVID, do not venture into it. If you want to do it, do it well, should be the motto.

I remember that in 1985 there was drought in Karnataka, and the World Kannada Meet was held in Mysuru. It was Janata Government headed by Ramakrishna Hegde and as could be expected from the Opposition Congress there was protest saying when people are starving due to drought, why this "grand" World Kannada Meet?

I think it was the famous Kannada litterateur Shivaram Karanth who silenced the pseudo protestors in his public speech by asking if they had stopped eating *masala dosa* because there was drought. The World Kannada Meet was a grand success. Our Karnataka Kalamandira, the imposing, pillared, auditorium was inaugurated during the meet. Likewise, Dasara in Mysuru, when celebrated must be grand, there should be no compromise.

Having said this, now the thought goes towards making it grand. This, I think, is the only festival in Mysuru where apart from the religious fervour of Navarathri other multifarious cultural, economical and entertainment activities take place.

While the Mysore Palace premises is the rendezvous of major cultural activities, the music, dance, drama by renowned artistes from all over India come to perform at various venues. There would be old classical films being screened and the Government supported theatre repertoire Rangayana, producing folk dances and dramas. If these come under entertainment segment there is commercial opportunity too for the people — Dasara Exhibition is equally famous as a necessary adjunct to Dasara festivities. And then another attraction is the Flower Show. How "grand" it would be is also to be seen.

Now the most important aspect of Dasara for Mysureans, apart from the religious fervour, is commercial. The rush of tourists attracted by the Dasara. During the days of Maharajas, large number of foreigners used to come both as Maharaja's guests and tourists. Hence the claim that it is a 'world famous' Dasara.

My friend the renowned photo-journalist T.S. Satyan always used to chide me whenever *SOM* wrote 'world famous Dasara' saying that it is not world famous, yes during Dasara more foreigners come. I protested. Why not allow us to have some vicarious pride? He was not convinced.

However, Dasara is a golden opportunity to showcase Mysuru, nay Karnataka, as an important never-to-miss tourist destination. But how far have we succeeded in making Mysuru tourist-friendly not only during Dasara but also through the years?

N.K.A. Ballal, retired Sr. Vice-President of ITDC (India Tourism Development Corporation) had written an article in this regard in *SOM* dated 12th August, 2022 titled ***"Grand Dasara — A Mirage"*** wherein he has made very pertinent comments on why the word "grand" suggests the money available for spending. Did you get me Steve? Ballal should know, as an experienced man in the business of tourism.

This apart, Ballal has made some practical suggestions to attract tourists from other parts of India and abroad — who deserves to be in various Sub-Committees, the imperative of inviting selected important Travel Agents, from different parts of the world and India, as Dasara guests, honouring them in Mysuru's traditional manner, making use of the Private Durbar of the scion of the Royal Family, engage some travel writers to publicise the event etc.

But then, do those who conceived this "grand" idea for the Dasara have the grand vision?

Ballal writes: *"We have hardly 45 days for Dasara. So what do the officers do? Simply dust the old files, copy and paste the events."* I am inclined to agree.

Inauguration of Dasara is on Sept. 26. One would expect the infrastructure to be in place — roads, trimming of the avenue trees that have branched out wildly due to rains, electricity, UGD, parking space, signal lights, toilets on crowded roads, along the procession route (as people keep waiting for hours before the procession starts), Police security, neighbourhood patrolling (because house theft cases increase during Dasara), traffic control etc., etc.

And what is Dasara sans illumination of roads and buildings that set the whole city ablaze with multicoloured lights? And this year more money, over Rs. 5 crore, is allotted for this alone to showcase a bigger, brighter "grand" Dasara.

While the famous late actor Puneeth Rajkumar will be seen in illumination making it a real attraction, there are other gimmicks too using 3D and video merging technology for illumination. This year the road leading to the Chamundi Hill temple will also be illuminated, it is learnt.

With no shortage of power, it is all hunky-dory for the Chamundeshari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) to go all-out to create a star-studded heaven in Mysuru.

While all this will enable a "Grand" Dasara, there is a danger of a 'Wet Dasara' like 'White Christmas' this year. Even after the peak period of the monsoon, rain seems to lash the city incessantly.

Therefore, the risk of a wet Dasara cannot be wished away and the authorities should be prepared with pre-emptive plans to face the challenge of such an eventuality.

Welcome to Mysuru Dasara

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Urban Co-operative Societies have excelled within their own limits: H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that most of the Urban Co-operative Societies have maintained a good track record and also have a good standing in the society, Mysuru District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev, who is also a former MUDA Chairman, said that Societies should have a far-sighted vision and plans in order to meet the modern day challenges.

He was speaking after inaugurating the new building of The Citizens House Mortgage and Housing Co-operative Society Limited, opposite NPS School in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage here this morning.

Pointing out that perhaps this Society may be the only Co-operative body in the State that mortgages houses, he highlighted the objectives of the Society and the purpose for which it was set up. Noting that the Society was established in 1983 at D. Subbaiah Road in Chamaraja Mohalla with a far-sighted vision, Rajeev lauded the Society for coming up with innovative plans that will be of huge benefit to the Society members in the long run. Observing that the Society is doing today itself what others think tomorrow, he said that the Society is an inspiration for all others to follow.

MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), in his address, recalled his experiences in the Co-operative Sector. Contending that the Co-operative sector is a vital cog in the wheels of growth and development of the country, he was happy to note that several Co-operative Societies have been doing exceedingly well.

Noting that the Administrative Reforms Commission has come up with several recommendations for the Co-operative sector, he urged the Government to implement the same. Stating that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, himself (GTD) and several other top political leaders have had their journey in the Co-operative sector at the start of their political career, he wished the Society more success in its future endeavours. The Society should work towards economic empowerment of all sections of the society, he added.

Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bengaluru, A.C. Diwakar, who was a guest of honour, underlined the role of Urban Co-operative Societies in the betterment of lives and livelihood of the people.

Pointing out that the Government has planned to re-launch 'Yeshasvini Health Scheme' on Oct. 2 marking Gandhi Jayanthi, he said that the modalities of extending this health scheme to Urban Co-operative Societies too is being worked out. Urban Co-op. Societies must make full use of this health scheme that is of huge benefit to urban population in the State, Diwakar added.

Society President N. Shivakumar presided. Society Founder R. Murthy, Society Directors and others were present.

Lakes breach, flood residential localities

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The residential properties are located at K. Hemmanahalli between Belawadi Lake and Gaddige Road. Ideally, the rainwater must flow from Belawadi Lake to the 26-acre Sahukarhundi Lake and Huyilalu Lake.

The affected areas include Huyilalu, Manikyapura, Sahukarhundi, K. Hemmanahalli, Mooganahundi and the areas in the middle of Belawadi Lake and Gaddige Road. Over 200 acres of land are affected and every year the problem repeats due to heavy rains.

Many lakes in the vicinity

As the *Raja Kaluve* and the Poornaiah Canal are encroached upon at various places, the natural water flow is obstructed and this results in flooding. There is a series of lakes in the surroundings like Belawadi Lake, Sahukarhundi Lake, Huyilalu Lake (Bommanahalli Lake), Doddakere, Chikkakere, Hosakere and Mooganahundi Lake on the Bogadi-Gaddige Road.

Unable to take his car out, the resident walks towards his house at K. Hemmanahalli.

All these lakes are interlinked by Raja Kaluves and their encroachments and blockage by buildings prevent the natural water flow. All these Lakes carry water to the Sharadadevinagar Lake. As the natural water lines are broken, the overflowing water flows in full force, entering residential pockets and farmhouses.

Rainwater and the water overflowing from the Lakes blocked the storm-water ducts by the side of the Ring Road from Bogadi to Sharadadevinagar. As a result, traffic was held up for hours together on the morning of Aug. 27 (yesterday).

Even the Mariyappana Kere, a historic Lake near Bogadi had many Raja Kaluves and as such, water automatically flowed into the Lingambudhi Lake. Now with the development, widespread constructions, layouts and multi-storeyed buildings have come up on the Raja Kaluves, blocking the natural flow of water.

Corrective measures

After the rain subsided last evening, Bogadi Town Panchayat Chief Officer C. Shyam Sundar, Health Inspector Puneeth and Junior Engineer Harsha and team initiated the clearing of the waterlogged areas with an earthmover.

"What we have done yesterday is a temporary measure and it is just to clear the flooding. If it does not rain tonight (Aug. 27) we will go to the areas that have been flooded tomorrow and make temporary arrangements for the residents to at least move out of their houses," Shyam Sundar told *Star of Mysore*.

If the Raja Kaluves are not systematically cleared with earthmovers and if the encroachments are not removed, there is a danger of flooding in over 200 acres of land that comes within the residential localities, said residents. "Unless the Town Panchayats and other local panchayats act, our lives are always threatened and the problem worsens with every rain," said residents.

'Constitute high-power committee to restore Dewan Poornaiah Canal'

The Dewan Poornaiah Canal is the main feeder canal that brings fresh water to the Kukkarahalli Lake from the Lakes surrounding Bogadi and adjoining areas. Of the original length of 22-km, only 4-km of the Poornaiah Canal remains today (behind SJCE - Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering and near Bogadi Road Bridge), thanks to encroachment and indiscriminate construction.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Bhamy V. Shenoy, Convener of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) said that the Kukkarahalli Lake was built by the Maharajas and the Dewan Poornaiah Canal was constructed to feed fresh water to the Lake from Bommanahalli Lake (Huyilalu Lake).

Thanks to encroachments to build new private layouts, the earth was dug up on a massive scale by earthmovers and the historic Poornaiah Canal was destroyed.

"Unless a high-power and a high-level committee is formed to look into the encroachments of Dewan Poornaiah Canal and systematically clear them — however influential the encroachers are — the Lakes of Mysuru will have no future. The Kukkarahalli Lake is half dead and it will die fully if the destruction continues and if the natural water flow is blocked," he said.

Former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner T.M. Vijay Bhaskar had tried to clear encroachments and was successful in a way but he was transferred soon. "Whenever there is flooding, officers and elected representatives pose for photos assuring help to the residents. But after rains, they forget all this," he regretted.

RMP sacks 103 employees

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"This is just a preliminary step and a decision of termination has been taken. When the written examination was conducted for the posts, the question paper was leaked and a select few got hold of the papers," an officer said.

Many relatives of officers, their daughters-in-law, sons, daughters and sons-in-law had access to the leaked question papers and as such, the higher officers smelt a rat, he said. "Apart from termination, many officers who were hand-in-glove in the scam have been sent on punishment transfers. Investigation is still on," he added.

'All-in-one' spice tree

Many plants possess distinctive aroma, flavour or fragrance. The whole plant or some parts may be aromatic like root, wood, bark, foliage, flowers, fruits, seeds. They are called aromatic plants. Aromatic compounds are basically essential oils made up of low molecular weight terpenoid compounds (phenylpropenes and terpenes) which evaporate at room temperature (volatile). They possess biological activities and widely used as spices in culinary preparations for flavouring and fragrance, herbal beverages, cosmetics, aromatherapy, pesticide repellents etc. A few examples which we come across in our daily life are Mint (whole plant), Turmeric (root), Ginger (stem), Coriander, Curry leaves (leaves), Cloves (flower buds), Sandal wood (wood); Cardamom, Pepper (fruit), Cinnamon (bark). 'Allspice' is one such aromatic tree yielding spice(s) derived from the dried, unripe fruits & leaves. It is so named because it combines the flavours of cloves, black pepper, nutmeg and cinnamon, though, in my opinion, it has an unique flavour of its own.

Other names are Myrtle Pepper, Jamaica Pepper, Pimenta, Pimento, English Pepper or New Spice berries. It is a Jamaican tree extensively cultivated therein. It was discovered by early Spanish explorers. They called it 'Pimentia' (pepper in Spanish) because of its similarity to black pepper corns. However, name 'Allspice' was coined later by English in 1621. It was much more popular in the early 20th century than it is today. Its introduction to India is recent and cultivated in certain isolated pockets of Kerala, Karnataka, West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha. Botanical name is Pimenta dioica (synonym: Myrtus dioica L.) belonging to the family Myrtaceae (Jamun family). The generic name is derived from the Spanish word pimienta, meaning "peppercorn" referring to the berries and the specific epithet 'dioica' alluding to dioceous nature of the tree (male and female flowers on separate plants).

Description: It is an aromatic, evergreen tall shrub or a small tree profusely-branched with dense foliage and rounded canopy, normally attaining a height of 20 to 30ft. Almost similar to bay laurel in size and form. Under favourable conditions it can attain a height of 50 ft with the bole up to 30 cm in diameter. Bark gray and young branches are glandular and pubescent. Leaves opposite in position, oval-oblong to elliptical, leathery, deep green on upper surface and lustrous, glandular on under surface, 5 to 8 inches long and 2 inches wide. Inflorescence is a racemose cyme (panicle). **Flowers:** Small, creamy white to greenish-white, consist of 4 tiny petals, 1 ovary, 2 ovules & 1 style, and a cluster of anthers. **Fruit:** A berry, sub-globose, small like pepper, hard with rough surface, densely covered with glands; contains two kidney-shaped dark brown seeds; young berries green, ripe into reddish-brown later. Tree blooms from the upper leaf axils in summer. The style straightens when the flower opens, the stigma is raised above the anthers.

Gender status: Very peculiar. Individual flowers are structurally hermaphrodite (possess both male and female parts present within the same flower) but Individual trees are functionally dioecious (plants are either male or female)! The floriferous trees which fail to produce viable berries (barren trees) are designated as "male" trees, while the berry bearing trees as "female". It seems some form of incipient dioecy is operative in the plant species.

GENERAL AND MEDICINAL USES

Culinary use: The aromatic & pungent berry with a distinct aroma is a wonder spice, used all over the world for culinary purpose. The berries are harvested (hand picked) before they are fully ripe and dried in the sun. They turn from green to dull reddish brown on drying. Later they are stored either whole or in powdered form for use. Whole dried fruits are supposed to have a longer shelf life than powders. It can be ground or crushed when needed.

In its nativity (Jamaica), allspice berries under the name 'Jamaican pepper' is an important ingredient for making 'Jamaican jerk seasoning', a cooking process in which meat is dry-rubbed or wet marinated with a hot spice mixture called Jamaican jerk spice containing pimento. In West Indies, a popular drink called "Pimento dram" or 'Allspice dram', a rum-based herbal liquor flavoured with the distinct taste of allspice is prepared. Allspice was introduced to European and Mediterranean cuisines in the 16th century. It is indispensable for cooking in Middle Eastern Levant region (Eastern Mediterranean shores, covering Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria etc.), where it is used to flavour a variety of stews and meat dishes and tomato sauce. In northern European and North American cooking, it is used in sausages, curry powders and pickling. It is used in desserts for giving Cincinnati-style chilli with a distinct aroma and flavour in the US. Cakes & a variety of dishes are made in addition to beauty products using pimento in Great Britain. In the Azores islands of Portugal, it is used in the preparation of traditional stews cooked in large terracotta pots. Known under the name English herb (Polish: ziele angielskie), allspice is also used in Polish cuisine (dishes, soups and stews). Arab & Mexican cuisine are no exception in using this spice.

Leaves are also used in cooking in somewhat the same manner as bay leaves.

In India, its use is recent and leaves are being used as a replacement or as an alternative to bay leaves.

Essential oils: Essential oils are extracted from leaves and bark. Volatile oils content varies from 2.5-4.5% depending on origin, parts used, weather, harvesting and processing conditions. Main constituent is eugenol (60-75%). Other components are eugenol methyl ether, cineole, phellandrene and caryophyllene. Interestingly oil extracted from leaves has a different flavour. Oil is used in medicines and perfumes.

Medicinal uses: Allspice is carminative and an aromatic stimulant. Used in the form of Pimento water, pimento oil or powdered form, it is useful against indigestion and flatulence. The oil acts as a compliment for less appetising medicines and supposed to reduce chances of crampness. It is also a good antioxidant. Allspice when used as a plaster acts as a revitaliser for rheumatism and neuralgia. The eugenol in allspice oil has bacteriocidal, fungicidal and nematicidal properties and used as an antiseptic.

Other uses: Leaves & bark contain tannins and can be used for tanning hides & skins. Firm and hard salmon colour wood with smooth surface & close texture, is useful for making walking sticks and umbrella handles. Furthermore, wood is traditionally used to smoke jerk in Jamaica.

USEFUL TIPS

- With dense leaves it makes a beautiful ornamental foliage tree. It is ideal for home gardens and narrow avenues. I have grown one in my small garden.
- It can be grown in container pots too: Makes a beautiful houseplant.
- It can be grown as a border tree on bunds in farms.
- It is also useful to provide shade for coffee trees in mixed farming.
- Very easy to grow, it can be grown with normal garden soil and watering.
- Care must be taken while drying berries/ leaves to ensure that volatile oil, such as eugenol, remains in the end products.
- Needs plant protection measures in case of pest attack by tea mosquito bugs or diseases like leaf spot or leaf rot.
- There is lot of scope to cultivate this multipurpose tree as a plantation crop on large scale for useful application in medicine and condiments.

PROPAGATION

Allspice is propagated by seeds. Fully ripe berries of high yielding trees are soaked overnight in water. Next day the seeds are separated & removed by rubbing the softened berries and sown in nursery beds or pots. They germinate in two weeks time. Adding leaf mold/ dried powdered leaves (mulching) enhances germination. Six to ten months old saplings are ideal for planting in the field with a spacing of 12 to 15 ft. Shade and regular irrigation should be provided to young plants. Manuring, weeding and mulching is recommended at regular intervals. It can also be propagated vegetatively by grafting and tissue culture methods.

WHERE TO SEE

In some farms and private gardens. A decade back I came across this tree in a private farm near Chamundi Hill.

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Annual get-together of Jayalakshmi Kodava Association held

*A group photo of the Managing Committee Members of Jayalakshmi Kodava Association, Mysuru. Sitting from left: **Muckatira A. Somaiah (Treasurer), Jammada Ganesh Ayanna (Hon. Secretary), Pandiyanda U. Girish (Vice-President), Balliyanda P. Uthappa (President), Kodira Jyothi Poonacha, Muruvanda Indira Ganapathy and Pattada Jaikumar; Standing from left: Chonira Cariappa, Konganda Kaushik, Machanda Reshma, Thelapanda Rachana Kalappa, Mallangada Shwetha Jayaprakash, Codanda Chitra Medappa, Pandiyanda Anil Cariappa and Ajjinikanda Manish Pemmaiah.***

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The Seventeenth annual get-together of Jayalakshmi Kodava Association, Mysuru, was held on Aug. 14 at Kodagu Sahakara Sangha in Jayalakshmipuram.

On the occasion, merit scholarship was awarded to the following children of members: Machangada Srujana Ponnamma, Kaveri Somaiah, Taran Ponappa, Shivani Uthappa and Antriksh Kalappa. Dr. Macharanda Uthappa was honoured for securing his Ph.D Degree in Engineering from VTU while Dr. Geetha Cariappa Chonira was honoured for authoring her first English story book *The House of Mayflowers (A Tale From Kodagu)*.

President Balliyanda P. Uthappa, who presided, requested members to take active part through their attendance both during good and bad times.

Treasurer Muckatira Somaiah presented the accounts for the year 2021-2022. Pandiyanda Anil Cariappa and Mallangada Shwetha Jayaprakash rendered invocation. Shwetha Jayaprakash also welcomed. Condolences were offered to 5 members who departed during the last two years.

The previous year's team will continue to function as Committee for 2022-2023, headed by Balliyanda P. Uthappa as President, Pandiyanda Girish as Vice-President, Jammada Ganesh Ayanna as Secretary, Muckatira A. Somaiah as Treasurer.

Muruvanda Indira Ganapathy had decorated the hall on Independence Day theme, befitting 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Early bird award went to Mrs. & Mr. Meriyanda Prithviraj & Padma and Pandanda Poonacha. Under the category of best Tricolour attire, Muruvanda Indira Ganapathy bagged the prize. Lucky Snacker - Devanira Viju Machaiah and Kodandera Diya Harsha, Child artiste Devanshi Jayaprakash Mallangada and Manepeda Jumble Fun game was won by Pandiyanda Savitha Girish and Chendanda Sunitha Deepak. All the Committee members took active part in organising the programme.

Maneyapanda Mary Cariappa cut a cake to commemorate her 90th birthday which she had celebrated recently.

Pandiyanda Savitha Girish compered. Kodira Jyothi Poonacha assisted her in conducting the Scholarship and Honouring event. Codanda Chitra Medappa proposed a vote of thanks.

Manipal Hospitals hold drawing contest for awareness on organ donation

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (KS) - Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru, had organised an awareness campaign on organ donation amongst children through drawing competition in city on Aug. 21.

Chief of Medical Services of Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru, Dr. Upendra Shenoy and Consultant Nephrologist Dr. P.T. Vipin Kaverappa attended the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vipin said, "There is a disproportionate gap between the number of people who need organ transplants and the organs that are available. We need to create awareness, so that the donor pool can be expanded. With active participation of general public, the existing problem of organ shortage can be easily solved."

Students aged between 7 and 14 years from Kendriya Vidyalaya, St. Mathias School, St. Philomena's High School, Acharya Vidya Kula, Nirmala Public School, Sadvidya Educational Institutions, Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School, East West International School, KNC Innovative Global School and Delhi Public School participated.

The children were asked to depict the importance of donating different organs that can be used to save lives. All those who illustrated the need to donate organs were recognised and awarded by Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru.

The awareness was clubbed with little fun in sketching and drawing so that the future of our nation understood the importance and empathise with the needy ones who are hoping to get an organ to enhance their life.

Natl. Conference on India Independence at 75

Mysuru, Aug. 28- To mark the. 75th anniversary of Indian Independence, Department of History and Social Sciences, Teresian College, Mysuru, in association with Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR); Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru and in collaboration with TOUCAN Research and Development, Bengaluru, is organising a two-day inter-disciplinary National Conference on 'India Independence at 75: Revisiting Indian National Movement' on Aug. 29 and 30 at Teresian College, Siddarthanagar.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, University of Mysore, will inaugurate the Conference on Aug. 29 at 10 am in Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Teresian College. A. Devaraju, KAS, Commissioner, Dept. of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage; Dr. S.K. Aruni, Regional Director, ICHR, Bengaluru and Dr. K.K. Mishra, Director, TOUCAN, Bengaluru, will be present during the inaugural.

Valedictory: Prof. Lancy D'Souza, Professor in Psychology, Maharaja's College, Mysuru and Prof. Pushpa Sharma, Professor in History, Kurukshetra University, Haryana, will be present at the valedictory to be held on Aug. 30 at 1.30 pm.

Proceedings of the Conference will be published as a book. The participants of the Conference will receive a participation certificate and OOD certificate.

For details, contact Dr. Sr. Ann Mary, Organising Secretary, on Mob: 99728-37767.

Ramakrishnanagar Kodava Welfare Association Meet

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The 20th annual get-together of Ramakrishnanagar I Block Kodava Welfare Association and adjoining area residents was held on Aug.7 at *The Roost Hotel* in city.

On the occasion, the Association felicitated Dr. Kodira A. Kushalappa, retd. IFS officer, for his service towards the preservation of Indian forests and in many organisations.

Kotrangada Shreehan Subbaiah was given a cash prize for securing 96.5% in II PUC exam in Science stream.

The Annual General Meeting began with invocation by Mundiyolanda Nanda. Kodandera Pushpa Machaiah, Secretary, presided. Kenjangada Kariappa welcomed. Annual report was presented by the Treasurer of the Association. Kattera A. Nanaiah, Advisor, briefed the objectives of the Association. Maletira Ganapathy, Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks.

Kotrangada Shruthy Poonacha compered. Codanda Swagath, Joint Secretary and all other Committee Members were present along with about 50 Kodava families of Ramakrishnanagar.

WORD OF THE DAY

Carceral

Pronunciation: KAHR-suh-rul.
Meaning: Carceral means "of, relating to, or suggesting a jail or prison."
Origin: Carceral is a member of a small but imposing family: like its close relations incarcerate (meaning "to imprison") and incarceration (meaning "confinement in a jail or prison"), its ultimate source is the Latin word for "prison," carcer. All three words have been in use since the 16th century, and all three are more common today than they were a century ago. Carceral has always been the rarest of the group, but its use has increased significantly since the turn of the current century, most often within academic or legal contexts.
Example: "Coordinate care inside and outside carceral settings." — Bill Frist

THE ODD WORD

Caecity

Blindness.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cash on the nail

Meaning: Payment made immediately.
Origin: 'Cash on the nail' (or 'pay on the nail') are extensions of the earlier phrase - 'on the nail', meaning immediate payment; without delay. This expression is first recorded in English in Thomas Nashe's Haue with you to Saffron-Walden, 1596: "Tell me, haue you a minde to anie thing in the Doctors Booke! speake the word, and I will help you to it vpon the naile." Philip Massinger's comic play The City-Madame, 1632, in which a character welcomes the arrival of a ship that has given his master considerable profit, makes the association with timeliness clear: And it comes timely; For, besides a payment on the nail for a manor late purchased by my master, his young daughters are ripe for marriage.
The first example of the longer 'Cash on the nail' version is in an anonymous open letter to the Mayor of Exeter, printed on a sixpenny broadsheet in 1753: The Commanders and Officers of those vessels knew very well that Wool and Worsted were Commodities of a real and intrinsic Value: Articles that would sell at any Time or Place for ready Cash on the Nail.

QUOTE BOX

Nails are the period at the end of the sentence. They complete the look.

— Prabal Gurung

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FAR WALK
FAR WALK

Answer : Too far to walk.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 He came to the crease with _ __ in his hands.... (1,3)
5 Robert's pet name?
8 Give away secret by indiscreet talk
12 Craggy hill-tops
13 Abstract noun suffix
14 Verdi opera
15 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
16 Lower limb
17 At hand
18 Me, to Miss Piggy
19 Volte-face (5-4)
21 Take to the air
23 Debtor's letters
24 Customers
28 Japanese sash
31 Wealthy
32 Have debts
33 Sleeveless garments worn by Arabs
34 Dubai locale
35 Head of state?
37 CPR specialist
38 Radio Direction Indicator, acronym
39 Encompasses
44 European airline
47 Unique or singular person
48 Mine and thine
49 A titled person
50 __ __ time : never? (2,2)
51 Red Indian tribe
52 Peru native
53 Very short of money
54 Vane letters
55 Male deer

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

			T	A	R	O		S	H	I	E	D
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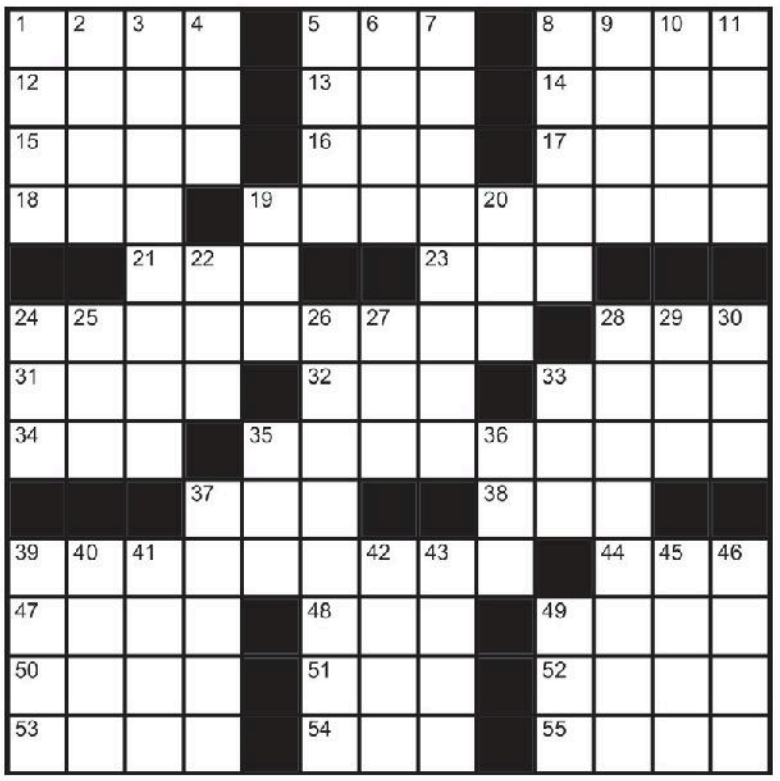
DOWN

1 Energy source
2 Pro ___ : For the public good
3 Trick, device
4 Tech. Std. Order
5 From which flowers grow
6 Famous cookie
7 Captivates or charms
8 African tongue
9 In ___ of : instead?
10 Hebrew month
11 Large outhouse
19 Author Rand
20 Digit afoot?
22 Town in Ladakh
24 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
25 Debussy heroine
26 Roundabout, indirect or crooked
27 Female sheep
28 Deferential; showing respect
29 Prohibition or taboo
30 Believer: suffix
33 Tack on
35 Prime Minister's Off.
36 U.S. tax dept.
37 Mistake
39 Soft ___ : persuade a person with flattery?
40 Biblical preposition
41 "Er, no" changes required for divorce city?
42 Almonds, cashews, etc
43 Attracted
45 Reliquary
46 Smelting residue
49 Electronic Instrument Sys.



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	6	8	3	2	7	4	9
7	9	4	5	6	1	3	8	2
2	8	3	9	7	4	1	5	6
6	3	1	2	8	7	5	9	4
9	4	5	6	1	3	2	7	8
8	7	2	4	9	5	6	3	1
5	1	8	7	4	6	9	2	3
3	2	9	1	5	8	4	6	7
4	6	7	3	2	9	8	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VKMO ZVXB GBVGMB CBR IQHR RQBO IHKR. RQVZB

HSB RQB GBVGMB IQV ZQVI DG RV CBR LR.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.

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Seetha Ramam (Te)	(S-1)	10.20 am
Vikipedia (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-3D)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Galipata 2 (K)	(S-1)	7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Love 360 (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Diary (Ta)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Dragon Ball Super (Japanese)	(S-2)	3.40 pm, 7.50 pm
Dragon Ball Super (E)	(S-2)	5.45 pm
Theeruppu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Shiva 143 (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4.00 pm
Dollu (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Liger (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Liger (H)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Liger (Te)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 4.25 pm 7.15 pm, 10.05 pm

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Gaalipata 2 (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Shiva 143 (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
Dollu (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Liger (H)	(S-2)	7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Seetharamam (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 pm
Liger (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.50 am, 1.45 pm
Kautilya (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Vikipedia (K)	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Love 360 (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Diary (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Vikipedia (K)	:	12.35 pm
Shiva 143 (K)	:	3.25 pm
Theerppu (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Diary (Ta)	:	3.05 pm
Karthikeya-2 (Te)	:	1.15 pm
Karthikeya-2 (H)	:	4.20 pm
Liger (H)	:	12.55 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Liger (Te)	:	9.05 am, 10.00 am, 12.05 pm, 1.00 pm 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Thiruchitrambalam (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Dragon Ball Super (Japanese)	:	7.25 pm
Dragon Ball Super (E)	:	10.50 am, 4.10 pm

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Karthikeya 2 (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.25 pm, 6.25 pm
Liger (Te)	:	9.40 am, 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm 7.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Gaalipata 2 (K)	:	10.25 am, 12.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Shiva 143 (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Thiruchitrambalam (Ta)	:	3.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Dollu (K)	:	4.40 pm

New team of Konkani Christian Association

The Annual General Body Meeting of Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, was conducted on Aug. 7 at the Konkan Bhavan in Vijayanagar and the new Managing Committee for the period 2022-2024 was elected. Seen are *(sitting from left)* ***Anil Saldanha (Treasurer), Sylvester D'Mello (Joint Secretary), Stany Lobo (Vice-President), John William D'Souza (President), Joyce Sequeira (General Secretary), Pramila Jacintha Monis (Joint Secretary) and Meena Dias (Vice-President);*** *Standing from left:* ***Committee Members and Internal Auditors — Alfred Vaz (Internal Auditor), Anand Pinto, Vincent D'Souza, Keerthideep D'Souza, Lawrence Pereira, Paul Sequeira, Tony D'Souza, Clifford D'Souza, Victor Menezes (Internal Auditor) and Simon D'Silva*** *(not in picture).*

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 28)

- **Mysuru Ganesha Utsava Samithi:** 'Mysuru Ganesha Utsava,' workshop on preparation of nature-friendly Ganesha idols, Madhava Krupa premises, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **3 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 99010-10990 or 95384-33384]
- **Mysore Miracles (MyMi):** 19th Anniversary, 'MyMi Fest 2022' prize distribution, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm.**
- **PRK Music Orchestra:** 'Crazy Loka,' music programme of actor 'Crazy Star' Ravichandran's film songs by singers Balu Prakash, Chandrashekar, Suresh, Adarsh, Srinivas, Shivakumar, Sharavambha, Tejaswini, Dhanya & Lakshmi, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Uttaradi Mutt:** Dhanvantri Jayanti, Pancharatrotsava, Pandit Kapilacharya Galagali delivers a special discourse, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Utsava, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **7 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt:** Valedictory of Shravanamasa Rituals and Discourse Programme, Dr. Sri Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji presides, Tahsildar B.N. Girish delivers valedictory address, KR Sub-Division ACP S.E. Gangadharaswamy chief guest, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Krishna Jayanthi, felicitation to writer and art patron M.L. Krishnaswamy, mridangist Vid. G.S. Ramanujan, Veena artiste Geeta Ramanand and art patron Prof. V. Aravinda Hebbar; Cultural programme - Bharatanatyam by *Karnataka Kalashree* Satyanarayanaraju, *Karnataka Kalashree* Vid. D.S. Srivatsa - vocal, Nikhitha Manjunath - nattuvanga, Vid. G.S. Nagaraj - mridanga and Vid. Karthik Satavalli - flute, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of play 'Leelavati' based on mathematician Bhaskaracharya's life, written by Shashidhara Dongre, directed by Prof. H.S. Umesh, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Ticket: Rs. 125; Mob: 98451-12667]
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Halagali Samara,' writter-director - Addanda C. Cariappa, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Sambanja Annodu Doddadu Kanaa' based on Devanur Mahadeva's book, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2486486]

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 29)

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **7.30 am;** Discourse on Yoga Vashishta, **8 am;** Special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2486486]
- **Uttaradi Mutt:** Dhanvantri Jayanti, Pancharatrotsava, Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations, Phala Panchamrutha Abhsisheka, Discourse, **8 am;** Maharathostava, Rajabeedi Utsava and Mahamangalaarathi, **10 am;** Pt. Kapilacharya Galagali delivers a special discourse, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Utsava, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **7 pm.**
- **JSS PU College:** Inauguration of cultural activities and welcome programme, Department of PU Education Dy. Director D.K. Srinivasamurthy inaugurates, cultural thinker Prithviraj Halahalli chief guest, JSS Mahavidyapeetha School Education Division Director B.A. Rajashekar presides, Mechanical auditorium, SJCE premises, **10.30 am.**
- **District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Shashwata Seva Shale, Alanahalli, Mysuru:** 107th Jayanthi of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, Foundation Day and Endowment Lecture, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa presides, lecture on Dr. Rajendra Swamiji life's message, Shashwata Seva Shale, Alanahalli, T. Narasipur Road, **11 am.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Newspaper Day, conferring of Annual Journalism Awards and presentation of Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious children of MDJA members, District Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurates the programme, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur confers Journalism Awards, Mayor (in-Charge) Sunanda Palanetra presents Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious children, MLA L. Nagendra, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harishgowda, MyMUL President P.M. Prasanna and Youth Congress leader Sunil Bose chief guests, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) presides, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Hunsur Road, **11 am.**
- **Kannada Department, Maharaja's College, Mysuru and University of Mysore:** Students Poets Meet, poet and artist Sanghamitre Nagarakatte and poet and senior students Rajesh Hebbar chief guests, poet and senior student Rajesh Honnenahalli presides, College Librarian Y.L. Somashekar and Kannada Department Head Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi will be present, Library, College premises, **11 am.**

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Liger (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Liger (Te)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Dollu (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Seetha Ramam (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Solomanthe Theeneechakal (Ma)	(S-2)	9.15 pm
Gaalipata 2 (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.35 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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